



Shawn Smith, K mart 9252, Carmi, Illinois

### Courageous efforts by Shawn Smith save life of unconscious friend

Swimming has always been a great pastime for Shawn Smith of K mart 9252, Carmi, Illinois, until one summer night when it suddenly became a nightmare.

Shawn and his companions had been enjoying themselves in the water when they realized that one of the young women in the group had not been seen for the previous 20 to 30 minutes.

Every swimmer went in a different direction, but it was Shawn who swam about 100 yards, and found his friend floating face up in the water, unconscious. A strong fear swept through him that she may not be alive, but Shawn quickly called to two of his friends and said that he had found her.

As the other two young men pulled the woman to shore, Shawn began mouth-to-mouth resuscita-

tion. "Once we got her to the sand bank, she choked out a lot of water, but was still unconscious," says Shawn. He had learned mouth-to-mouth from a high school health class, but had never actually practiced or tried the life-saving technique. It was simply a matter of doing everything he and his friends could think of and hoping it would be enough.

As Shawn put it, "It's a very frightening feeling to think one of your friends is dead as you hold her in your arms."

On their way to the hospital, the woman's pulse and breathing weakened badly, so Shawn again administered mouth-to-mouth and her breathing was restored to normal, even though she remained unconscious. After a few days in the hospital, the young woman had recovered, but Shawn will never forget the feeling of anxiety and trauma during the situation. He says, "I just did what anyone else would have done."

### Money raised for MD telethon

Special events for the Muscular Dystrophy Association were held Labor Day at K mart 7247, Wichita Falls, Texas. A country music jamboree featuring area musicians highlighted the activities.

Western bands provided music all afternoon on the patio. Featured fiddlers were R. L. Pee Wee Stewart and Ray Edwards.

Boys Club of Wichita Falls conducted a car wash, and Southside Girls Club held a bake sale with K mart employees donating some of the baked items. The CB club of Nacona held a raffle for a \$50 bill. A dunking booth and dart throw booth were sponsored by 7247. No admission was charged. All donations were accepted and by the end of the event a check for \$1,200 was presented to the local host for the Jerry Lewis telethon.

### Shirt in a plastic bag makes headlines in Reader's Digest

A customer clad in a plastic bag for a shirt was shopping in K mart 7310, Palm Bay, Florida. It tickled the funny bone of assistant manager Steven Tennant so much that he decided to send in the situation as an anecdote to Reader's Digest. The editors there must have thought it comical also, because they ran the short blurb in the July issue of "All in a Day's Work" column.

This is the first time Tennant has ever written anything for publication, but it probably won't be the last, since he was paid \$300 for his efforts, which took him about a half an hour to put into words.

"I took my wife and two children to Disney World and St. Augustine, the oldest city in the nation. There's an old fort there, cobblestone streets and a lot of history. The \$300 is really an incentive to write more often when the situation comes up."

Tennant sent in his article in January and was called by Reader's Digest in April saying that they were going to use it. "Two or three months later I got a check in the mail for \$300 along with a copy of the article from the magazine."

Policy in the store is that no one can shop without a shirt or shoes. With the warm climate, Tennant says they get people coming in in all sorts of outfits. But this particular customer was spotted by an employee who told him that he couldn't shop without proper attire. Tennant says he's not sure where the man got the bag, but assumed he went back to his car and found it.

The customer was good natured about the situation and even found humor in the whole thing. He eventually bought some spray paint and masking tape.

Tennant says that there are countless humorous things that happen daily in the store and that he's just waiting for another funny situation to send to Reader's Digest.

### Exchange students tour Marquette store

K mart 3000, Marquette, Michigan recently experienced an international afternoon when 17 students from the Rotary International Youth Exchange program visited.

There were students from Japan, Mexico, Australia, Finland, New Zealand, Belgium, and Chili.

Students spend one year in this country, touring and learning about our customs.

During their K mart visit, many

purchased straw hats, souvenir items, purses, film and lots of silk flowers.

"The students stayed with Rotary families whose children had just returned from their year overseas," says Albert Pfleger, cameras.

"Before they came to Marquette, they toured the locks at Sault Ste. Marie and visited Mackinac Island."

The interest of the students in K mart and the huge merchandise selection was boundless and it was hard to keep them in one group during their tour.



Some of the exchange students that toured K mart 3000, Marquette, Michigan.